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## NEWPORT NEWS MAY BUILD TWO OF SHIPS

ids for Construction of Four New Dreadnaughts Opened at Navy Department.

## EAVY INCREASE IN PRICES

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By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, October 25.—Bids for four new battleships—Colorado, Maryland, Washington and West Virginia—were opened to-day at the Navy department, and indications to-night were that the construction of two would be awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, and that the other two would be built by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company of Quincy, Mass.

While all of the tenders show the heavy increase in prices due to the abnormal conditions of the shipbuilding industry, they were within the department's limit of cost, and it is virtually certain that the government will not construct any of these, or of the twenty destroyers for which offers also were received.

Prices for the battleships quoted ranged from \$10,000,000 to \$11,475,000, against the department's limit for full and machinery of \$11,500,000. A study of the bids is now in progress, and awards will be made only after careful study of the modifications proposed by every bidder has been made.

## HIDE ON BATTLE CRUISERS TO BE OPENED IN DECEMBER

The New York Shipbuilding Company and William Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, were bidders, and the former may get one ship on final examinations of the figures quoted. The former company's offer was to build one ship on the basis of cost plus 10 per cent commission, a proposal which cannot be entertained legally on the battleships, but would be in order for the four battle cruisers, bids for which will be opened in December.

## BRITAIN STILL SENDS GOLD

Since May 10, Total Value Received in United States Amounts to \$350,000,000.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, October 25.—Bankers here expect that the British Treasury will continue to export gold to this country as fast as the government imports can handle it. Since Monday of last week gold valued at \$26,000,000 has entered the local assay office.

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It was said to-day that several Canadian cities will ship gold to New York, in addition to exports direct from London. The assay office, it is understood, stands ready to receive \$15,000 a week for an indefinite period.

The British government, according to bankers, wishes to pay each for goods bought here, and while the proceeds of the various loans have gone further to meet this requirement than the actual gold still the British officials want to supplement the loans constantly with more and more gold.

## Wilson on His Final Trip to Middle West

Visit to Ohio Marks Opening of "Big Drive" Planned for Last Stages of Campaign.

By Associated Press.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT WILSON'S SPECIAL TRAIN, MARTINSBURG, W. Va., October 25.—President Wilson is traveling toward Ohio to-night on his third and final Middle Western trip of the campaign. He is due to arrive in Cincinnati at 11:30 to-morrow morning for three and perhaps four addresses.

The visit to Ohio will mark the opening of the "big drive" planned by Democratic campaign managers for the last two weeks of the campaign. Encouraged by optimistic reports, the president plans to see as many people as possible in Cincinnati and during his ride through the State in the morning.

He shook hands with crowds to-day at Philadelphia and during two brief stops in Baltimore. Many of the men who greeted him were railroad employees, and several times they called him "Eight-Hour Wilson."

At Philadelphia, according to the White House stenographer's transcript of what occurred, a man, evidently an stockholder in the city government, called out: "They have assessed me \$250 for the Hughes campaign; they can take our money, but they can't take our votes. We would rather lose more than that than lose our vote for you."

In Cincinnati Mr. Wilson will speak at a reception of the chamber of commerce, probably at a luncheon at the Women's City Club, at a dinner at the Men's City Club and in the evening at a meeting at the Music Hall.

Administration officials were to-night of the opinion that the American Mexican commission at Atlanta City cannot be expected to arrive at a satisfactory solution of border problems until the situation in Chihuahua has been clarified. Furthermore, there appears small probability that the regular or National Guard forces now on the border will be reduced soon.

Complied with reports which dis-  
courage the stability of General Carranza's regime and interpret his removal from Mexico City to Chihuahua as a sign of the breaking-up process which his enemies have repeatedly predicted, the military movements of Villa now making a formidable campaign in Chihuahua are regarded here as menacing the de facto government's control of the whole northern country.

There are also apparently well-founded, but indefinite, reports of the connection of the so-called Legatista movements with the whole train of events.

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## VILLA'S FIRES IN SIGHT OF CHIHUAHUA CITY

At the same time reports came to the War Department that Villa's campfires were in sight of Chihuahua City, and that General Trevino, the Carranza commander there, although plentifully supplied with arms and receiving reinforcements, was short of ammunition and considering evacuating the capital. Department officials said to-night they had not heard the report reaching the border that Chihuahua actually had fallen. It was pointed out that Villa, once occupying Chihuahua, could compel the surrender of Juarez as he did easily once before, and at another stroke might take Torreon, Monterrey and Saltillo, when he would be a military factor somewhat different from the bandit for whose life an American military expedition was dispatched.

The War Department reports that Villa's latest coup came from Brigadier-General Bell, who transmitted stories obtained from refugees arriving in El Paso. As he did not give the names of his informants, some State Department officials expressed doubt as to the entire accuracy of the tales. General Bell's dispatch gave details of the annihilation of the Carranza column under General Oguna by Villa forces at Palomas and described how the Villa troops captured or killed more than 1,000 Carranza troops and took all the supply trains.

The Mexican embassy's explanation of General Carranza's move to Chihuahua was that he had gone to prepare for the meeting of the constituent assembly for which deputies just have been elected.

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## ACTIVITY MAY BE RENEWED IN CHIHUAHUA

Report on Explosion Which Caused Death of Nineteen Men Will Not Be Made for Week.

By Associated Press.

MARVEL, ALA., October 25.—A report on the explosion which on Sunday caused the death of nineteen men in the Roden mine here, will not be made for a week, according to C. H. Negley, chief mine inspector of Alabama to-day. Forty men are at work making repairs, and it is expected it will take more than a week to replace a mine track, put in new electrical equipment, and construct fire-proof structures.

It was said to-day that 374 men are given employment at the Roden mine, of whom 160 are miners. Seventy-one are employed as inside day men, fifty-five as outside day men.

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Preparations Apparently Being Made for New Campaign by Positive Expedition.

By Associated Press.

COLUMBUS, N. M., October 25.—Heavy shipments of entrenching tools, picks, shovels, crowbars and sand bags have arrived here. It is said they are for the use of the punitive expedition in Mexico. Officers take the shipments as an indication of a possible renewal of activity in the field.

Officers say the tools would not be needed at field headquarters if the troops are to remain there. Recently the bands of the Fifth, Seventh and Thirteenth Cavalry, left at the border when these regiments went South, were ordered to rejoin their commands. Adobe houses are being built at field headquarters in Mexico. It is reported here, and army overcoats are being issued to the soldiers of the expeditionary force.

## MISS DRAPER IS BRIDE

Married to Prince Andrea Boncompagni of Rome in Presence of Notable Gathering.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, October 25.—Margaret Preston Draper, daughter of the late General William F. Draper, ambassador to Italy in President McKinley's administration, was married here to-day to Prince Andrea Boncompagni of Rome.

Cardinal Gibbons officiated in a chapel which had been converted from the ball-room of the Draper home, in accordance with a privilege granted to the Boncompagni family, which has given two Popes to the Roman Catholic Church.

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## JOINT COMMISSION MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON

By Associated Press.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., October 25.—Unless an agreement on an economic and amicable plan of border control is entered into by the Mexican-American Joint Commission within a few days, it appeared a virtual certainty to-day that its earnest effort would be unable to have the conference transferred to Washington.

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## DE FACTO CONTROL MENACED BY VILLA CHURCH PROVIDES FOR CONFESSORIAL ALLIES IN CONTROL OF RAW MATERIALS

Reappearance of Bandit as Military Factor Causes Concern in Washington.

Episcopal Deputies Favor Voluntary Confession Followed by Absolution.

Their Domination of Articles Essential to U. S. Manufactures Proved Conclusively.

By Associated Press.

MOVING TOWARD CHIHUAHUA Reports From Mexico Disparage Stability of General Carranza's Regiment.

Efforts to Shorten Ten Commandments Abandoned at Present Session.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., October 25.—Chaplains of the Protestant Episcopal Church will no longer advise dying persons as to the disposal of their property, if the house of bishops consents in an action taken in the house of deputies at the church general convention in session here.

This would eliminate from the prayer book the direction to ministers to urge a dying person who has not disposed of his goods to make his will, declare his assets and liabilities "for the better discharging of his conscience and the quietness of his executors."

The decision was the result of a proposal of the commission on the revision of the Book of Common Prayer to substitute for the rubric which has been used, one which clothed the same general idea in different words. The objectional part of the present rubric was dropped but the proposed substitution was voted down.

The deputies also rejected a proposal to admonish clergymen to "earnestly move such such persons as are of ability to be liberal with the poor." Such solicitation, several attorneys who are delegates said, has caused much legal controversy in the courts of the country.

## VOLUNTARY CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY ABSOLUTION

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TO THIS COUNTRY

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The rubric, which now goes to the house of bishops, was adopted only after vigorous protest.

The house of deputies adopted, for the first time in the history of the church, the voluntary confession followed by absolution.

The lower house approved a recommendation to insert in the service for the visitation of the sick a rubric directing that the sick person shall be moved to make a special confession of his sins if he feels his conscience troubled with any matter, after which confession the minister shall absolve him of God's mercy and forgive his sins.

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They are fourteen different forms for various kinds of materials which American importers must file with British consuls before certain goods can be released to them from the British dominions. These materials, according to the complete list secured to-day, include tin, chloroform, tin and tin ore, wool, jute, shellac, tanning materials, antimony, rubber, diamonds, mica, raw lead, plumbeous, all the alloys of iron, including ferro-manganese, cobalt, chrome, tungsten, molybdenum, vanadium, nickel and several other kinds of ore.

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DRIVE IN DOBRUDJA CONTINUES

Italian Cavalry Forms Junction With Entente Forces in Macedonia.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, October 25.—(Cable) London, Emperor William, on his recent visit to the troops on the Somme front in France, made the following speech, according to the correspondent of the Tagblatt:

"Comrades, following an impulse of the heart, I have hurried to you from the east front to bring you the greetings of your comrades there and the thanks of the Fatherland for the four months' hard struggle on the Somme and for the heroic manner in which you have fought. The world's history knows no parallel for the struggles in which you are participating and for the greatness of your deeds. For centuries, following these battles of the Somme will stand as a blinding model for the conquering will of a united people."

"I trust that German will find expression, under whatever conditions, to prevent the enemy from prostrating us to the ground and stand firm against French insolence and British stubbornness. From all German regions you stand like a metal wall of German sense of duty and self-devoted valor, fighting to the last breath."

"On all sides the German people stand in a tenacious struggle against half the world and against the manifold superiority of numbers. Even though it continues hard and endures long, yet the Lord of Hosts is with you. Those at home have besought Him, and He has inspired you with strength and courage. Trust in God bravely, feeling that you are fighting a just cause."

"Thus I greet you, comrades. Hold out! The Lord will give His blessing to the end."

Likewise, in the Austro-Italian theater the artillery is doing the greatest part of the work along the entire line of battle. The northern part of the Carso plateau is under a heavy bombardment.

Only minor operations have taken place on the fronts in Russia and Macedonia.

From three points the Teutonic allies are working with feverish haste in an attempt to encompass Roumania from the north and northeast of Verdun, where the French on Tuesday made their spectacular drive over a wide front north and northeast of Verdun, they are still holding the ground gained, despite the vicious counterattacks, delivered particularly in the region of Haubumont, Douaumont and east of the Fumay wood, and north of Chenois have gained further ground. More than 4,500 German soldiers have been captured by the French in this region. Elsewhere along the front where the French and British are facing the Germans in Flaville little activity, except by the big guns, has been shown.

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Both of these candidates are excellent gentlemen, and the country won't be in grave danger with either of them in the White House," he said at Wilkes-Barre. "Both are peacemakers; sons they act alike and think alike, and so I know they are all right. I don't care whether Wilson or Hughes wins."

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